

Autism Alliance of Canada
Annual General Meeting (AGM) Minutes
16 May 2024, 4.00 - 5.00 pm EST
Fiscal Year 2023

Present:

Autism Alliance of Canada Board: Karen Bopp, Rebekah Kintzinger, Shino Nakane, Anne Kresta, Priscilla Burnham Riosa, Pascale Castonguay, Rebekah Kintzinger, Tanya McLeod, Kimberley Ward, Corey Walker, Sue Coke

Autism Alliance of Canada Staff: Jonathan Lai, Franziska Morin, Deepa Singal, April MacAleese-Jay, Stephen Gentles, Marina Schor, Alexia Ostrolenk

Members: Patricia George-Zwicker, Mary Barrow, Michelle Schmidt, Marie-Claude Leblanc, Pam Palmer, Sandra Daw, Raymond Peart, Sylvie Bastien, Glenis Benson, Judy Hanson, Dean Svoboda, Margaret Whelan, Nancy Marshall, Kathryn Szechy, Douglas Parson, Hillary Walters, Taylor Jenkins, Siyu Chen, Cyndi Gerlach, Stacey Herperger

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Karen Bopp, Co-Chair of the Autism Alliance of Canada Board of Directors, called the Annual General Meeting
for the Fiscal Year 2022 to order at 4:05 PM EST.

2. Approval of Agenda

Materials: 2024 Annual General Meeting Agenda

All members who are in good standing 45 days in advance of the AGM are eligible to vote and have received an AGM package with the agenda, last year's minutes and audited financial statements by email. Please note that there will only be one vote per organization

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE 2024 Annual General Meeting Agenda is approved.

Motion to approve: Maddy Dever, seconded Rebekah Kintzinger. Motion passed.

3. Review and Approval of Minutes for AGM 2023

Materials: 2023 Annual General Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting were circulated to our members for review prior to the meeting. Any questions, comments or corrections were added to the chat.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE 2021 Annual General Meeting Minutes are reviewed and approved.

Motion to approve: Maddy Dever, seconded Kim Ward. Motion passed.

4. Year in Review

Jonathan Lai, Executive Director of Autism Alliance of Canada, presented highlights from the 2023 fiscal year. Key achievements included:

- 2023 Canadian Autism Leadership Summit: 250+ attendees, participation from Health Minister, and celebration of the S-203 Bill passing.
- UN's Conference of State Parties for the CRPD: Autism Alliance of Canada hosted a side event on autism strategies worldwide.
- National Autism Network Project: Collaborated with Autism Speaks Canada and other organizations to support government efforts.
- Disability Advocacy: Engaged in advocacy for Bill C22 and worked with the CRA on the Disability Advisory Committee.
- Data and Research: Hosted the second Autism Data Collaborative event and launched major research partnerships

5. Annual Election of Directors

Materials: Annual Election of Directors

Maddy Dever, Chair of the Governance Committee, presented the slate of nominees for the Board

of Directors. Seven returning members were re-elected for two-year terms, and two new nominees, Stacey Herperger and Cyndi Gerlach, were appointed.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE slate of new board members as presented is approved.

Motion to approve: Shino Nakane, seconded Tanya McLeod. Motion passed.

6. Annual Approval of Financial Statements

Materials: Financial Statements December 31st, 2023

Debbie Irish, AAC Treasurer, presented the 2023 financial statements. The organization had total assets of \$889,984 and liabilities of \$706,997, resulting in net assets of \$183,007. The fiscal year ended with a small deficit of \$13,909.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Members accept the 2023 financial statements.

Motion to approve: Maddy Dever, seconded Anne Kresta. Motion passed.

7. Appointment of Auditors

BE IT FURTHER APPROVED THAT Belliveau Veinotte Inc is hereby appointed the independent auditor of the Corporation to hold office until the close of the next annual member's meeting or until a successor is appointed, at such remuneration as may be fixed by the directors, and the directors are hereby authorized to fix such remuneration.

Motion to approve: Shino Nakane, seconded Corey Walker. Motion passed.

8. Bylaw Updates

Materials: Appendix - Corporation By-Laws

BE IT RESOLVED THAT ARTICLE 14 "ABSENTEE VOTING AT MEMBERS' MEETINGS be removed in its entirety from the Corporation Bylaws of Autism Alliance of Canada.

Motion to approve: Corey Walker, seconded Shino Nakane. Motion passed.

9. Co-Chair Report for 2023

Rebekah Kintzinger provided a detailed Co-Chair report highlighting achievements in governance, advocacy, and community engagement during the past year. The report concluded with appreciation for the continued dedication of Autism Alliance of Canada members and staff.

10. Remarks for Outgoing Directors

Karen Bopp expressed gratitude to outgoing directors for their service and contributions to the organization.

11. Conclusion of Formal Business Meeting

The formal business meeting was concluded at 4:50 PM EST.